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Title: SYSTEM AND TAPERED WAVEGUIDE FOR IMPROVING LIGHT COUPLING EFFICIENCY BETWEEN OPTICAL FIBERS AND INTEGRATED

PLANAR WAVEGUIDES AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SAME

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the 18 February 2009 Final Office Communication, have carefully noted the contents and provide the following Amendments and Remarks in response.

The Shortened Statutory Period for response to the 18 February 2009

Communication was 18 May 2009. Accordingly, Applicants believe a Request for a

Three (3) Month Extension Of Time is necessary to file this Response at this time, and hereby request as such. The associated Extension Of Time Fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 501873.